DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT SPONSOR

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

PROJECT LOCATION

Chevron Avon, California Fuel Terminal 611 Solano Way Martinez, CA 94553

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Chevron Avon Fuel Terminal's Ethanol Storage Tank Project (Permit Application #3362)

The BAAQMD's review and approval of an application for Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate for the changes to the terminal to accommodate the ethanol storage tank project.

Ethanol will be transported to the Terminal via tanker truck. To receive the ethanol, Chevron proposes to install an ethanol tanker truck off-loading area with two (2) new ethanol unloading pumps rated at 400 gallons per minute (gpm) each. The tanker truck will draw ambient air into the tank while the liquid is being pumped out, and the vapors displaced into an internal floating roof tank, which is equipped with a mechanical shoe primary seal and rim mounted secondary seal to control vapor loss.

Piping will be installed from the unloading pump to the ethanol storage tank, and from the ethanol storage tank to the dispensing rack. Existing internal floating roof tank, Tank 104 (BAAQMD Source 4), will be used to store ethanol. Tank 104 is permitted and currently stores diesel fuel.

One new 2,400 gpm regular unleaded supply pump will be installed, along with the possibility of two new 450 gpm ethanol supply pumps and associated piping, to move the gasoline and ethanol from the storage tank to the tanker truck loading rack. The existing loading rack will be modified for ethanol addition to the gasoline and also to combine supreme unleaded gasoline (SUL) and regular unleaded gasoline (RUL) for distribution as mid-grade unleaded gasoline (MUL). The fill and discharge piping from this tank will be modified for the new product.

DETERMINATION

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, *et seq*,), the District is the Lead Agency for the described project. The District has prepared an Initial Study (attached), and, on the basis of the study, has determined that the project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

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REVIEW PERIOD

Interested persons are invited to send written comments on the Negative Declaration or Initial Study to Ellen Garvey, Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Officer, Bay Area Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109. Such comments must be received by 5:00 pm on October 3, 2002. If you have questions about the project, please contact Carol Lee at (415) 749-4689 or at clee@baaqmd.gov. If you have questions about the Negative Declaration or Initial Study, please contact Barry Young at (415) 749-4721 or at byoung@baaqmd.gov.

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